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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAM. INITIALS	REF. DES	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	A1	6,353,608	03/05/02	Cullers et al.			

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	A2	EP 1 043 671 A2	10/11/00.	Europe			
	A3	WO 01/06365 A2	1/25/01	PCT			
	A4	WO 02/32171 A1	4/18/02	PCT			
	A5	WO 00/39713	7/6/00	PCT			

OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	A6	International Search Report, International Application No. PCT/US03/28918, mailed June 15, 2004.

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